GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA

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SUBSIDISED FREIGHT RATES IN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any proposal for setting up of cold storage at the 5 Airports in the North East Region;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has any proposal to subsidise freight rates in agricultural products in order to boost exports in the North East Region; and

(d) if so, the decision taken in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH)

(a)&(b)Yes, Sir. APEDA is setting up four walk-in-type cold rooms and one Centre for Perishable Cargo (CPC) at an estimated cost of Rs 2.43 crores to promote the export of perishable produce from North Eastern Region. These facilities are being provided at airports in Agartala, Aizwal, Dimapur, Imphal and Guwahati.

(c)&(d) Yes, Sir. The Government has extended the Scheme for Inland Transport Assistance for the year 2007- 08 for agriculture products from the North East Region including Sikkim, to boost exports from that region.